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Man Sentenced for Lancaster Bank Robbery, Child Pornography

A 36-year-old man who robbed a Lancaster bank was sentenced yesterday to more than 18 years in state prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On April 26, Chad Robert Kester (dob 7/16/79) pleaded no contest to two felony counts of second-degree robbery in case MA064831 and one felony count of possession of child pornography in case MA068387.

Deputy District Attorney Eunice Kim said Kester also will have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

Kester entered a U.S. Bank branch on September 11, 2015, while out on bail for a robbery at a local Walmart, and approached a bank teller with a note demanding money, the prosecutor said. The teller handed over more than \$1,000 to the defendant and he left and drove off, the prosecutor added.

An analysis of Kester's cell phone following his arrest revealed he possessed approximately 400 still images of child pornography, the prosecutor said.

The cases were investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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